

## Pike County 2016 Gypsy Moth Suppression Program

### COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Request for Treatment

Submission of this application form and fee does not obligate Pike County or the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to conduct gypsy moth spraying on any property. This application only allows your property to be evaluated by the Gypsy Moth Coordinator to determine if it meets state criteria for inclusion in the Program. If your property meets the Program criteria AND the Program is funded by the State/Federal governments, you will be billed at a later date. Cost is undetermined at this time.

Please read all information and fill out completely. Failure to complete **all** sections may result in exclusion from this program.

Community Association: \_\_\_\_\_

Association Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Community Association

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Municipality: \_\_\_\_\_

Community mapping/site meeting with contact person may be required to determine the boundaries of the community and to ensure the entire community is evaluated for participation.

A **\$75.00 non-refundable application fee** payable to **County of Pike** must be submitted with this form in order for the community to be evaluated for inclusion in a 2016 spray program IF FUNDED.

**IMPORTANT**-Please provide clear directions to the community from the nearest state road - even if you have provided directions in the past.

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By signing this application, I state that I have been named the contact person for the community and have discussed this application with the association. Acting on behalf of the community, I will be the liaison between the District and the Community Association.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Contact Person

RETURN this form to:

### PIKE COUNTY GYPSY MOTH PROGRAM

556 Route 402, Hawley, PA 18428

(Phone) 570-226-8220 (Fax) 570-226-8222

This form must be received by **September 1, 2015** with the **\$75.00 non-refundable application fee payable to County of Pike** in order for your property to be considered for treatment. **There will be no extension of the September 1, 2015 deadline.**

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## PIKE COUNTY GYPSY MOTH SUPPRESSION PROGRAM - COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION REQUEST FOR TREATMENT FOR 2016

The Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Bureau of Forestry, (DCNR) conducts an aerial gypsy moth suppression program for private residential landowners throughout PA. In order to assess the extent of the gypsy moth populations, as well as the amount of damage caused by them, Pike County is accepting "Request for Treatment" applications. **This application is not a guarantee that the program will be funded and conducted by the State and Federal governments or that the property will meet the requirements for inclusion in the 2016 suppression program.** Submission of this application only allows your property to be evaluated for possible inclusion in the program. Once applications have been received, properties will be evaluated based on criteria set forth by DCNR.

**OBJECTIVE:** DCNR's sole objective under this program is to protect residential forested areas by limiting defoliation caused by gypsy moths to 30%. Due to the limitations of the insecticides available and the establishment of the gypsy moth throughout Pennsylvania, **it is not feasible or biologically possible to eradicate gypsy moths from any part of the Commonwealth.** The nuisance problem caused by larval gypsy moth populations may not be reduced to the satisfaction of all landowners, even though the foliage protection objective is met.

**INSECTICIDE:** A biological insecticide, *Bacillus thuringiensis* var. *kurstaki*, is the spray material that DCNR uses on private residential lands under this program. DCNR selects the rate of application based upon gypsy moth population density and health. The highest rate of application is normally used on the heaviest, healthiest populations. Because Bt is a biological insecticide whose effectiveness can be effected by insect population levels and by weather conditions during and after application, DCNR does not guarantee the degree of control. A second biological insecticide, Gypcheck, may be used in cases where Bt is not appropriate because of the presence of species of concern that could be impacted.

**QUALIFYING AREAS:** Only forested private residential sites containing trees 25 feet or more in height qualify for this portion of the program. When viewed from above, sites must have at least 50% of the surface area covered by the crowns of these trees. 20% or more of this cover must be made up of tree species which are highly favored by the gypsy moth. Highly favored species include apple, aspen, basswood, beech, birches, boxelder, hawthorn, larch, oak, willow and witch hazel. The site must have a dwelling located within or no more than 200 feet from the forest. The spray block to protect this site will be designed to provide treatment to all forested areas within 500 feet of the dwelling and, in doing so, must include at least 23 acres of forest. The spray block will be designed in this manner to facilitate aerial spraying regardless of how large or small the landowner's property actually is. Spray blocks will **NOT** be custom designed to accomodate property boundary lines. Neighboring residential properties where all the landowners desire treatment will be combined into a single block whenever possible.

**NON-QUALIFYING AREAS:** Residential properties with only scattered ornamental trees and shrubs or any property with trees that are readily accessible to ground spray equipment do not qualify for this program. Also, areas that contain any nontarget organisms that would be adversely affected by spraying or areas which are unsafe for aerial spraying because of obstructions or terrain will not be considered.

**EGG MASS DENSITY:** The proposed treatment areas must contain at least 250 healthy, current-season gypsy moth egg masses per acre or, if there are less than 250 egg masses per acre, there must be a reasonable expectation that high numbers of gypsy moth larvae will be blown into the area next spring. Areas that have very small egg masses (less than dime size), regardless of the number, often do not qualify for the program because the gypsy moth population will most likely succumb to natural mortality agents shortly after they emerge in the spring.

**PROPERTY EVALUATIONS** will begin as soon as egg masses have been laid on the trees, typically in August. The length of time needed to assess every property will be determined by the number of applications received by Pike County. Pike County Conservation District will be completing the field evaluations for the Pike County Gypsy Moth Program. Once all properties are evaluated, property owners will be informed of eligibility. If your property is included in the 2016 Gypsy Moth Suppression Program, **you will be required to pay a portion of the spraying costs**. Cost to property owners will be determined in Fall 2015. Aerial spraying generally takes place between April and June.

